



Rejection of Contractor Bids for Interstate 44 Sound Wall Project

Why Were the Contractor Bids Rejected for the Interstate 44 Sound Wall Project?

- In October 2009, Missouri Department of Transportation informed residents at a public meeting that a sound wall would be constructed along Interstate 44 (on MoDOT property) near the following locations:
 - Hammer Avenue
 - North Hardeman Avenue
 - Crowe Street
- At the time of the public meeting, MoDOT estimated the cost of the sound wall near these locations to be just under the \$30,000 per benefited property owner threshold.
- Having completed the design documents and received contractor bids, MoDOT has concluded that it can't construct the sound wall near these addresses within the allowable cost threshold of \$30,000 per benefited property owner.
- Since the public meeting, MoDOT has completed final design plans and advertised the project to contractors for bids. All bids received were reviewed and rejected by the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission (MHTC) on February 4, 2010 because the bids exceeded the cost of \$30,000 per benefited receiver.
- Because the bids were rejected and the wall would cost more than \$30,000 per benefited property owner, a sound wall will not be constructed along Interstate 44 near the locations listed above.

- MoDOT assures the affected property owners that every attempt was made to develop a sound wall project that would provide the best value for every dollar spent. MoDOT apologizes for any inconvenience that this new development might bring.

How Do You Determine What Areas Qualify For a Sound Wall?

- There are several criteria established by MoDOT and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) that locations must meet in order to qualify for a sound wall.
 - **Criteria includes, but are not limited to the following:**
 - 1) Noise levels must be at least 66 decibels.
 - 2) Sound wall must be able to reduce noise levels by at least 5 decibels.
 - 3) Sound wall cannot be taller than 18 feet.
 - 4) Sound wall must benefit more than one homeowner.
 - 5) Sound wall must maintain access to all properties.
 - 6) Sound wall must not pose a safety hazard to traffic.
 - 7) Majority of received voters (benefited property owners) must agree that a sound wall is desired.
 - 8) Sound wall must not cost more than \$30,000 per benefited property owner.

Who Do I Contact For More Information?

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